

ZELAYA SUFFERS CRUSHING DEFEAT

Arms and Ammunition in Being Smuggled into Nicaragua on Ships Sailing From the United States

COMMERCIALISM CAUSE

Rival Fruit Companies are Said to be at the Real Beginning of the Revolution in Central America.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 1.—Dispatches from Bluefields say Zelaya has suffered a crushing defeat at Las Salinas near Rama. Zelaya's forces lost more than 100 dead. The revolutionists were under General Matady. The rebels fought from cover. The rumor that Zelaya will resign has been received.

Shipping Ammunition. GALVESTON, Tex., Dec. 1.—That large shipments of arms are being made from the U. S. to Nicaragua was learned today on the overhauling of a large schooner in the Gulf of Mexico. Secret service men from the Immigration department are making efforts to stop the smuggling of Chinamen into the United States. They were cruising in the gulf when they came across the schooner. They boarded to look for Chinamen. The hold was filled with boxes, marked "Nails and Soap." The captain of the vessel said he was down from Mobile to Vera Cruz. A member of the crew was sick and was taken ashore by the officials. He declared after he landed, that the boxes contained 150 cases of cartridges for the revolutionists in Nicaragua.

Cause of Trouble. NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 1.—Rivalry between two fruit companies and the alleged favoritism of President Zelaya for one of them, is said to have been the immediate cause of the revolution in Nicaragua, according to private dispatches received here today. The two companies are the United Fruit Co., operating from New Orleans and Nicaraguan Fruit Co., operating from the port of Corinto on the Pacific coast of Nicaragua. Zelaya is said to have granted concessions to the latter company which gave it advantages over the United. The United has operated in Central America for a long time. The other company was but recently formed.

The concessions granted are said to have created discontent, especially along the eastern coast. Fruit trade forms an important part of the commerce of Nicaragua. This it is declared, coming after other concessions which caused unequal commercial conditions throughout the country, caused great discontent among the better classes and added to the discontent of the lower classes, creating the sentiment that caused the revolution.

Word has been received here today that the schooner Wilhelmina about which considerable anxiety was felt, reached Bluefields in safety and the New Orleans members of the crew are bound for home on board the steamer Dictator. The Wilhelmina, it is said, landed a big cargo of supplies for the revolutionists. The cargo was taken out of New Orleans before it was known that neutrality laws would be enforced. It is said that seventeen cannon furnished by a New Orleans foundry, 150 drums of gasoline, 150 kegs billed "Na's" but supposed to have contained ammunition and a variety of other stores were sent on the schooner.

Pedro Gonzales. WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—The possibility that President Zelaya may turn over the government of Nicaragua to his minister general was received in a dispatch received at the state department today from Bluefields.

The indications are that he may not wait for congress to take action. This is interpreted that Zelaya has lost his hold and is seeking a way out of the country. The state department has not yet been officially informed of the arrival in Washington of Pedro Gonzales, who is said to be an emissary from President Zelaya for the purpose of explaining the execution of the two Americans. His task will probably be fruitless as the department will not receive him unless he is properly accredited and in view of the fact that the reception of the present Nicaraguan minister has been indefinitely postponed, it is safe to assume that Gonzales will not be given an audience.

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BLOWN TO ATOMS BY EXPLOSION

Man Driving Along When Nitro Glycerine Magazine Blew up, Was Spread All Over the Community.

A FLYING HORSE SHOE

One of the Shoes From Landed in the Near Half a Mile

CAMERON, W. Va., Dec. 1.—T. S. Sheuster, an oil shooter, was blown to atoms, every window in Cameron was broken and houses loosened from their foundations when the nitro glycerine magazine of the Marietta Torpedo Co., half a mile east of here, blew up today.

Scheuster's team of horses and wagon was also blown to bits. One of the horses' shoes fell in the center of the town and the wagon tongue was found a mile from the explosion.

The cause of the accident will probably never be known as all that was found of the magazine was a hole 15 feet deep. Strips of the man's body and splinters of the wagon were found scattered several hundred yards from the magazine.

Reports from Washington, Va., 25 miles away, say the shock was felt there.

DECISION BY JUDGE M'PHERSON

Granted Restraining Order in Iowa Two Cent Rate Railroad Case.

DES MOINES, Nov. 30.—Judge Smith McPherson granted a restraining order in favor of Elizabeth D. McClintock of Haverford, Pa., a stockholder of the Cedar Rapids & Iowa City Railway and Light company forbidding the company from complying with the Iowa state law placing the company in the class of railroads charging not more than 2 cents a mile for the carrying of passengers and denying the right of Attorney General H. W. Byers and the state board of railroad commissioners to institute any suit to compel the company to comply with the law.

The suit is set for hearing in Des Moines on Dec. 15. In her petition Mrs. McClintock alleges that the law is contrary to the constitution of the United States, and asks that it be set aside. In the meantime she claims that the courts of the state are liable to compel the company to comply with the law and thereby cause a great loss of money to the company. She therefore asks for the restraining order which was granted.

TWENTY-FIVE BIDS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED

Many Offers Received for the Proposed Prize Fight Between Johnson and Jeffries.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—Fight promoters with bids aggregating more than a million dollars, will go to Hoboken today, where bids will be opened for the world's championship fight between Johnson and Jeffries.

Thirty-five bids were received, ranging from \$150,000, credited to Billy Garon, of St. Louis, to \$50,000, the amount promised by six different promoters. Sporting circles sift the list to five probable contenders—Eddy Graney, James Coffroth and Jack Gleason, all of San Francisco; Tom McCarty, of Los Angeles, and Texas Rickard of the west generally. McCarty offered \$75,000, it is understood. The others are bringing a wagon load of coin, ready to outbid everybody. California, probably San Francisco, is expected to get the bout.

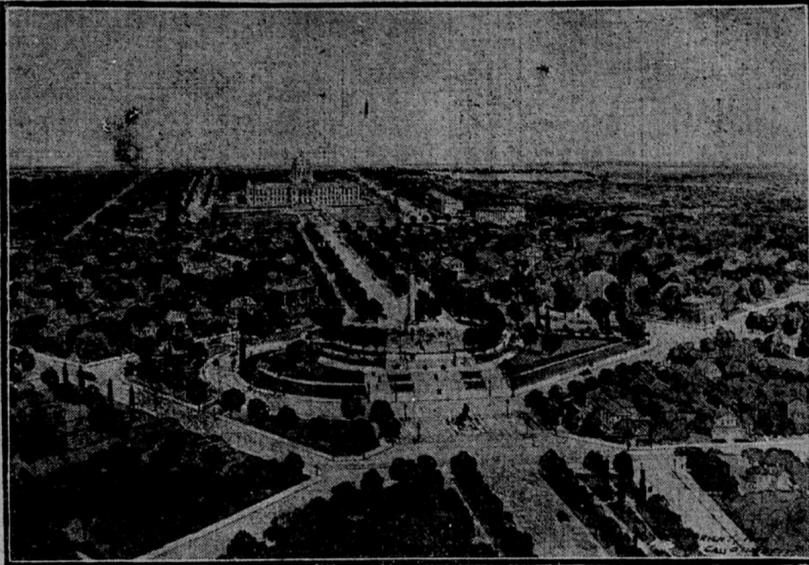
Two Operations.

KEOSAUQUA, Iowa, Dec. 1.—Mrs. Alvah Smith of this place and Jessie McCarty of Mt. Zion were taken to Keokuk for surgical operations. Mrs. Smith to have both breasts removed and the little McCarty girl to have an arm amputated at the shoulder. Both are afflicted with cancer. Miss Eva Sherman, a trained nurse of Keosauqua, accompanied them.

A Long Letter.

ALTON, Ill., Dec. 1.—George H. Davis of Alton, who wrote a 40,000-word letter to his 87-year-old aunt, Mrs. Clara M. Davis of Beverly, Mass., received a letter from his aunt acknowledging the receipt of it on Thanksgiving Day. She said she had not read it, but would start at once.

WILL SPEND FORTUNE TO BEAUTIFY THE CITY OF ST. PAUL.



Work has commenced on the building of the seven corners mall, to be cut through the heart of St. Paul where the new boulevards and capitol approaches will cost \$2,500,000. When completed, the city will be greatly improved in appearance as the above picture shows.

RUTT ATTEMPTED TO KILL HIMSELF

Man Who Wandered Away From His Home Recently and Was Found in the Poor House up at Keosauqua.

HE CUT HIS THROAT

He Gashed Himself With a Razor, But Did Not Cut Deep Enough to Sever the Jugular Vein.

WAPELLO, Iowa, Dec. 1.—Frank Rutt, the farmer whose mysterious disappearance from his home, his long absence and his final location after a thorough search by his family, created quite a sensation in Louisa county during the past year, attempted to take his own life at the farm near Cairo, formerly occupied by himself and now owned and occupied by his brother-in-law, James Bates.

Rutt and his two sons had been staying at the Bates farm helping in the husking. Rutt seemed in his usual spirits when retiring. During the night, Mr. Bates declared he heard the noise of a fall upstairs, but paid no attention to it, thinking that perhaps one of the boys had rolled out of bed. In the morning when he got up, he heard Rutt calling to him, and went upstairs to find his brother-in-law lying on the floor with his throat cut from ear to ear. Rutt had used a razor, but had not cut deep enough to sever an artery, for it is now believed to otherwise seriously injure himself. When found he was weak from loss of blood, but it is believed that he will recover. A physician from Morning Sun was hastily summoned to attend him.

Rutt is said to have told his brother-in-law that he had no idea why he should have attempted suicide. While the members of the family are naturally reticent in speaking of the affair it is believed that the attempt was the result of Rutt's state of mind, which has never quite become normal since his strange experiences. He seems, however, to be entirely rational today.

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ESCAPED THROUGH THE BUNG HOLE

Men Caught Inside of a Brewery Cask Which Suddenly Caught on Fire From Electric Spark.

WERE BADLY BURNED

IOWA CITY, Dec. 1.—Three men in a modern "fery furnace" barely escaped alive from a Herculean cask, all ablaze in its interior, at the Iowa brewery. The workmen were Joseph Soukup, Joseph Slavanta and Frank Stucker. Soukup and Slavanta were cruelly burned. Stucker came out unharmed.

The men were varnishing the inside of the cask—which holds 150 barrels, is 15 feet in height and 10 feet in diameter at the base, and has no egress, except a large bung hole, near the bottom. An incandescent electric light globe snapped, the live wire ignited the turpentine or alcohol in the varnish, and the immense cask was a sea of fire in an instant.

How the men found the hole and crawled out of their modern furnace, no one knows. When Slavanta and Soukup reached the outer air, their faces and hands were masses of blisters. Their sight was spared, providentially. Equally providential, it seems, was the fact that the men were not burned to death in their flaming prison. Had they missed the hole, or found it a few moments later, death in or outside of the monster cask must have been their inevitable fate.

Quincy Poultry Show.

QUINCY, Dec. 1.—The third annual exhibition of the Quincy Poultry and Pet Stock association opened in the spacious pavilion at Highland park under favorable conditions.

An Animal Cemetery.

PEORIA, Dec. 1.—The Central Illinois Family Pet Cemetery association was incorporated today. Fourteen acres were purchased. This is the first animal cemetery in Illinois.

HUMAN BLOOD FOR SOUVENIR

Mob Around the Guillotine Dipped Their Clothing into the Blood of the Decapitated Bandit.

BLOODY SPECTACLE THIS

MORIBUND CROWD AT THE SCENE OF EXECUTION GREW EXCITED WHEN THE BLOOD SPURTED ONTO THE PRIESTS.

LORIE, France, Dec. 1.—No more horrible scenes have been witnessed in France since the days of the Revolution, than those at the guillotining of Ribotet, the bandit murderer today. Crowds began to gather in the neighborhood of the prison before midnight.

A cordon of troops was placed about the ground and the instrument and efforts made to drive the crowd beyond the confines of the prison square. The troops failed in their intentions with the result that when the procession made its appearance, every available space about the guillotine was jammed with an angry, jeering mob, alternately hissing and cheering.

When the heavy knife flashed down the groove and severed the head of the victim, a jet of blood squirted over the front rank of the crowd and stained the two priests standing a few feet away.

The sight threw the crowd into excitement and there was a mob assault on the soldiers by the people to dip their handkerchiefs and clothing into the blood to carry away as souvenirs.

Iowa Meteor.

MANCHESTER, Ia., Dec. 1.—A meteor fell a short distance south of Earlville ten miles east of here. An explosion like dynamite was heard by the people here, which was followed by a rumbling noise shaking the earth and dishes in the houses. It made a circular hole in the earth six feet in diameter and buried itself. Several Manchester people saw the ball of fire in the air just before the explosion. It was followed by a trail of smoke. Many mistook the noise for dynamite. Others who noticed the rumbling, became frightened because of the fear that it was an earthquake.

TWO THOUSAND MEN ON STRIKE

Switchmen on Thirteen Railroads of the Northwest Have Quit Work and Traffic May be Seriously Interrupted.

CONFLICTING STATEMENT

Union Says All Men Are Obeying Orders While Railroads Say That Some of the Men Refused to Walk Out.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 1.—After fifteen days' negotiation between the Switchmen's Union of North America and a joint committee of the railroad managers representing thirteen railroads of the northwest, a strike involving 2,300 switchmen became effective at 6 o'clock last night. The men engaged in the strike are employed by the railroads running west and north of St. Paul from Lake Superior to the Pacific coast. Unless speedily settled the strike will mean a serious interruption of traffic.

Conflicting statements of the result of the switchmen's strike on the northwestern railways were made by the officials of the railroads and the Switchmen's Union. President Hawley, of the switchmen, said:

"I have definite reports from every point affected. My information is that the strike order is obeyed to a man. I am informed that the road men refused to do the work of the switchmen. I don't think there will be a sympathetic strike.

"The strike is the most complete and determined I ever saw. Rousing meetings were held in St. Paul and Minneapolis, and they agreed to fight it out."

General Manager Sladec, of the Northern Pacific said:

"Indications from the railroads' standpoint are very favorable. The men refused to obey the strike order in seven yards of the Northern Pacific. While the passenger traffic is delayed somewhat, it is moving all right and we are moving some freight. In a few days, I think, conditions will be about normal. The same general conditions apply to the Great Northern."

When asked at what point Northern Pacific men refused to go out, Sladec said he could not give them at present, as he received them hurriedly over the telephone. The following roads are affected:

Great Northern, Northern Pacific, Burlington, Chicago and St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha, St. Paul Bridge and Terminal, Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste Marie, Minnesota Transfer, Minneapolis and Eastern, Minneapolis and Western, Rock Island, Chicago and Great Western.

UNCLE OF CZAR UNDER SUSPICION

Grand Duke Alexis is Charged by Paris Gossip as Being the Murderer in the Steinhilf Case.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—Alfred Partridge Kloots, a prominent painter, returned from Europe and caused a sensation by declaring that Grand Duke Alexis of Russia, uncle of the Czar, whose suspicious death in Paris a few months ago created world-wide talk, is mentioned throughout Paris as the slayer of Jacques Steinhilf, whose widow was recently tried for the crime.

Alexis, according to the story says Mr. Kloots, was trapped in a room in the Steinhilf mansion by the husband. A fight followed in which the Grand Duke choked the artist to death. Steinhilf's wife's stepmother, appearing in the room, swallowed her false teeth in her fear and died of strangulation. The ropes were then fastened about their legs to give it the appearance of a murder.

When Mme. Steinhilf was charged with the murder of her husband and stepmother the Grand Duke, believed that he would be arrested and convicted, locked himself in his room in a Paris hotel and blew out his brains. This is the common report, although it was given out at the time that he had died of pneumonia in the room of an actress.

Little Girl Burned.

OSKALOOSA, Ia., Dec. 1.—The four-year-old daughter of August Fesce was burned to death near the mining camp, Cricket. She was alone in the house at the time, and probably was playing with matches, but the cause is not certain. The burned corpse when found was sitting in a chair. She was an exceptionally pretty and popular child.

HER EYEBALL WAS TATTOOED

Girl's Blind Eye Was Fixed So That It Now Looks Just Like the Other Lamp in Her Head.

IS A RARE OPERATION

Needles and India Ink Used and It Did Not Hurt a Bit, the Girl Not Taking An Anesthetic.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 1.—An operation performed only a few times by the greatest eye specialists of the world, was successfully completed in a hospital clinic before the senior class of the Medico-Chirurgical college, by Dr. L. Webster Fox, who occupies the chair of ophthalmology in the college.

By the use of six needles, India ink and a vegetable dye the doctor succeeded in tattooing the perfect semblance of an eye on a young girl's blind eyeball, which was covered by an ugly white blemish the size of a five cent piece.

The girl asked Dr. Fox to put a glass eye in place of the diseased tissues, which made her face repulsive to look at. The doctor, upon examination, found that the growth over the cornea was so strong that the delicate operation that came in his mind could be performed with a chance of success.

Cocaine was inserted to destroy whatever sensibility remained, but no anesthetic was administered to the patient, who did not appear to suffer any pain while the operation was going on.

The students saw the skillful hand of the doctor guiding the tattooing needles produce the semblance of an eye with the skill and patience of a trained artist on a surface that had been a blank white.

Indian ink was used for the pupil. For the iris a vegetable dye which had been carefully experimented with was employed, and the brown color of the other and healthy iris in the girl's other eye was duplicated.

As Dr. Fox dropped his last needle and turned to his class he was greeted with enthusiastic applause by the students.

The operation Dr. Fox told his class, can never become a common one, as it is seldom that the eyeball of a blind person is in condition to permit tattooing.

ENTOMBED MINERS ARE ALL RESCUED

Eight Men in Tennessee Mine Were Taken Out in Safety Early This Morning.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 1.—A Ducktown dispatch received early this morning says the eight miners entombed Tuesday in the Leogdon copper mine, were all rescued at 1 o'clock this morning, alive and in good condition. The imprisonment resulted from a fire which caused a cave-in.

THE WEATHER.

For Keokuk and vicinity: Showers tonight and partly cloudy and colder. For Illinois: Fair tonight and Thursday. Warmer tonight. Colder Thursday afternoon or night.

For Iowa: Warmer east portion tonight.

For Missouri: Showers tonight with colder west portion. Thursday partly cloudy and colder.

Weather Condition. Generally fair; cool weather continues over the eastern portion of the country, with decreasing pressure.

The northwestern depression has moved southeastward, and is central in Kansas and Nebraska. It has been attended by a slight rise of temperature, and rain or snow from the Central Mountain Region to the upper Mississippi valley, and is followed by colder weather in the Northwest.

Conditions indicate its passage though this section will cause rains and warmer weather tonight, followed by partly cloudy and colder Thursday.

Local Observations.

Bar. Ther. Wind. Weather
30.7 p.m. . . . 30.07 47 SE Clear
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Rainfall for past 24 hours 0 inches
0 hundredths.
River above low water of 1864 7 feet 9 tenths.
Change in 20 hours 0 feet 0 tenths.
Mean temperature, 30.
Maximum temperature, 48.
Minimum temperature, 41.

All Keokuk Merchants

Should use the big Sunday Gate City for their holiday announcements. The circulation of nine thousand copies in trading territory contiguous to Keokuk is an exceptional opportunity for Keokuk merchants to present their store news. No other Keokuk paper will furnish such an advantage to the advertiser. The way to make Keokuk a trading point is by liberal use of space in The Daily Gate City, the paper with the big circulation.

Copy for the big Sunday Gate City should be in the hands of the printer before 10 o'clock Thursday morning of each week.

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